

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Coal Company Store

and or common Independent Order of Red Men Fraternal Lodge

2. Location

street & number South Harmony Road approximately
1/3 mile south of U.S. 40 N/A not for publication

city, town Harmony N/A vicinity of

state Indiana code 018 county Clay code 021

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Trustees of Bible Baptist Church

street & number South Harmony Road

city, town Harmony N/A vicinity of state Indiana 47853

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clay County Court House

street & number East National Avenue

city, town Brazil state Indiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Coal Company Store is located on South Harmony Road three blocks south of U.S. 40 in the small town of Harmony. The east facade faces South Harmony Road.

The store is a two-story detached, commercial building, constructed of red brick laid in common bond. Rectangular in plan, the building is three bays wide on each of its two principal facades (east and west). The roof is gabled and covered with green slate.

The principal facades are identical. The first story has, in the central bay, a round-arch door opening with three rows of bricks laid on end following the arch, and a stone keystone. On the east facade this bay has double doors. Above is a round arch transom with a vertical division in the center. The door opening on the west facade has been covered.

There is a window opening, identical to the door opening, on each side of the door. On the east facade, there is a panel in the bottom part of each window opening and a round-arch transom, like the door opening above. The windows, themselves, have been covered. On the west facade both window openings and transoms have been covered. Second story windows on each principal facade have smaller, round-arch openings with a double row of header bricks following the arch, and a stone keystone. There is a small, round window opening, with a row of header bricks circumscribing the opening in the gable ends on the east and west sides. Below each of these round openings is an inset with the date, "1880," in projecting figures.

First story windows on the sides of the building have round openings with a double row of header bricks circumscribing the opening and a stone keystone. Sashes are round with four lights. On the first story of the south side there are, in addition, a round-arch, double-hung window and a round-arch single door in the two westernmost bays. These openings are in the style of those on the principal facades.

Second story windows on the north and south sides are the same as those on the east and west sides. Most of these are covered up, some are double-hung with one light in each sash. All windows and doors (except the round windows) have stone sills. Also, on the north and south sides of the building are arched basement windows which extend only a few inches above ground.

There is a row of iron star tie-rod ends on both the north and south sides between the first and second stories. There is a row of three plain iron tie-rod ends on each of the principal facades between the first and second stories.

On each of the gable ends is a pressed metal, raking cornice with bracketed parapet ends and a finial surmounting each of the ends and the point of the gable.

The doorway on the south side had been altered and was recently returned to what is believed to have been its original appearance (as shown in Photograph 3). A covered entry porch not original to the building was removed at the same time.

The first story of the interior is one large room with a cast iron fireplace and a stairway at the west end. Walls are plastered. The ceiling, 16 feet high, is of tongue-and-groove planking. The floor is hardwood planking. The second floor is one large room with a partition at one end for a kitchen. The walls and the ceiling are plastered. Windows have the original arched, louvered, cherry wood shutters, which are attached to the inside.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Ca. 1880 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Coal Company Store in Harmony is significant for its association with the early coal mining era in Clay County. It was built and operated by John H. Zeller and George W. Riddell, two prominent Clay County businessmen who made an important contribution to the growth of the Brazil-Harmony-Knightsville area. The building is also significant as the only surviving structure of its style in Harmony that has not been substantially altered.

Zeller came to Clay County in 1856 and built a sawmill, a successful venture. In 1867 he and Riddell purchased Robert Wingate's General Store, which eventually developed into the business occupying this building.

In 1873, Zeller turned his attention to coal. Rich coal deposits had been discovered in Clay County during the 1850s, and coal shipments began in 1853. The Panic of 1854, however, slowed development of the fields. Interest in the area revived in 1863, due to demands caused by the Civil War. In that year, the first shaft was sunk where Knightsville now stands. Harmony grew slowly until 1867, when a rolling mill and blast furnace was established in the town. Until the end of the century, coal was one of the most important economic factors in Clay County's development. Zeller, in 1873, established the Briar Hill Mine, also known as the Zeller Mine, which operated successfully for many years.

In 1880, the Coal Company Store was built, replacing Zeller and Riddell's earlier store. The new store was a success and an 1884 history reported that Zeller and Riddell were in business with one of the largest stocks of goods in the county. Older local residents remember that miners could buy goods at the store on credit and have the money deducted from their pay.

Zeller and Riddell operated the store until 1904, when Zeller died. Riddell later founded the Riddell National Bank of Clay County, today the county's largest.

In 1904 the building was sold to Shasta Tribe #283 of the International Order of Red Men. The Red Men occupied the second story. The first floor was used for various purposes throughout the years. The building is presently occupied by the Bible Baptist Church.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Brazil East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Frazier's Second Addition, Lot 4

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title John H. Oehler

organization N/A date 8-24-79

street & number R. 15, Box 409 telephone 812/443-2541

city or town Brazil state Indiana 47834

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *John T. Costello*

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date 9-18-85

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

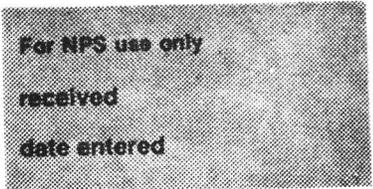
Attest:

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Chief of Registration

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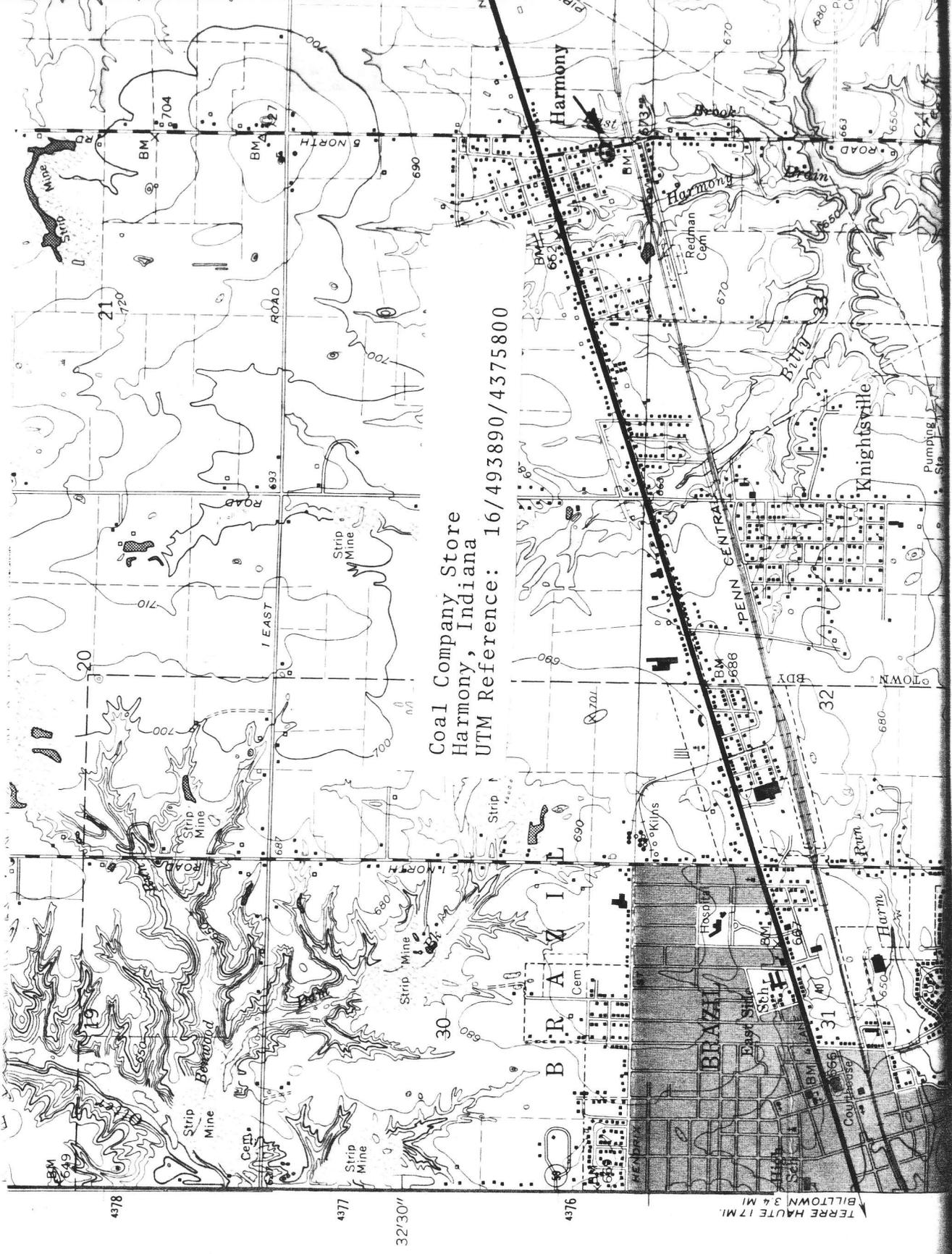
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Harmony, Indiana
UTM Reference: 16/493890/4375800

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BILTOWN 3.4 MI